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BOARD GIVES ADMINISTRATION TIME TO ANSWER POLICY QUESTIONS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic released the following statement regarding today's County Board action on the proposed appointment of Mr. Patrick Farley to the position Department of Administrative Services Director.

"This is not a matter of whether to fire someone. Instead, it's a matter of whether to hire someone for the next four years. With this layover, Mr. Farley stays in the position for the time being while the County Board has the opportunity to do its due diligence in the legislative process.

"As prescribed in State Statutes and the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, Supervisors have the right to vote independently on key appointments. The legislative process is a system of checks and balances.

"Today's County Board action sends the right message. It gives the Administration time to answer a number of questions raised by the legislative branch. On behalf of the people we are elected to represent, the Department of Administrative Services needs to address the following policy matters:

- The Committees on Transportation, Public Works & Transit and Finance & Audit should be given updates on the transportation services budget. Is there a deficit or a surplus?
- Facilities planning is a key step in our strategic planning process. Better management of our real estate portfolio could reduce the County's

footprint and save tax dollars. We still don't have a facilities plan to consider despite efforts to make progress since the start of 2011.

- Provide a progress update on the efforts to hire a full-time Sustainability Director for Milwaukee County. Funds were included in the 2012 budget for this purpose, but the position has yet to be filled.

"The tone and context of the discussion forwarded by the County Executive sends the wrong message. The County Executive has injected external matters into this debate, but the County Board has real legislative items that have not been satisfactory answered.

"Rather than generating drama and speculation, the County Executive should instead respond in a factual manner to the concerns raised by Supervisors. As with any cabinet appointment, the Board will assess the individual's job performance and determine whether the appointment has merit."

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